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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/480,861	Applicant(s) YONEZAWA ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 18-24, 32, 36 and 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 16, 18-24, 32, 36 and 38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Request for Continued Examination

1. The request filed on 12/09/04 for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 based on parent Application No. 09/480,861 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the RCE follows.

Response to Amendment

2. As per Applicant's instructions as filed on 12/09/04, claims 15, 18, 22-23, 32, and 36 have been amended, claims 1-14, 17, 25-31, 33-35, and 37 have been canceled, and claim 38 has been newly added.

Response to Remarks

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to amended claims as above have been carefully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection incorporating the same reference (Kawai et al) used in the last office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

5. Claims 15-16, 18-24, 32, 36, and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kawai et al (6,680,746 B2).

Regarding claims 15, 32, and 36, Kawai et al discloses a communication medium which stores a computer program (Fig. 1, elements 24, 26), a communication method, and a communication apparatus connected to at least one camera and one monitor, comprising:

a reception device (Figs. 1, 46, element 22) for receiving the information concerning the state of at least one camera (10-1);

a processing device (Fig. 47, 452; Fig. 50) for changing a map image representing a location at which the at least one camera is disposed, in accordance with the received information concerning the state of the camera; and

a transmission device (Fig. 46, 36) for transmitting the map image processed by the processing means, to at least one monitor via a network (col. 25, lines 40-58).

Regarding claim 16, Kawai et al discloses one monitor (28) receiving image data taken by the at least one camera (10-1).

Regarding claim 18, Kawai et al discloses a map concerning a photographing range of the at least one camera (Fig. 49, 88)

Regarding claim 19, Kawai et al discloses an information concerning a zooming state of the at least one camera (88).

Regarding claims 20-21, Kawai et al discloses communication apparatus being integrally provided with one of the at least one camera and at least one monitor (Fig. 46).

Regarding claims 22-24, Kawai et al discloses transmission means transmitting the map image in correspondence with the change of the state of the one camera, and transmitting the map image in accordance with a request from the monitor, wherein the request is sent from the monitor every predetermined time period (abs.).

Regarding claim 38, Kawai et al discloses the processing device including a bitmap image file (bit-map file) (Fig. 53; col. 30, lines 4-17).

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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to *Shawn S. An* whose telephone number is 703-305-0099. The Examiner can normally be reached on Flex hours (10).

7. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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